

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18664**

This legislation amends Title 39 Chapter 11 of Idaho Code to revise and extend the State's licensing requirements for child care providers. The current code provides minimum health and safety standards for day care centers with thirteen or more children, but does not provide licensure for providers with fewer than thirteen. This legislation would extend licensing to all providers who receive compensation and care for four or more children, with specific exceptions maintained. Basic requirements include: criminal history background checks, health, safety and fire inspections and restrictions on firearms, alcohol and tobacco use. Minimum standards for infant CPR and first aid training are specified. This act establishes staff-child ration recommendations consistent with nationally accepted standards and provides for fees to be established based upon the number of children.

The Health and Welfare Department will serve as the portal or administrator for the program. The Department will contract for the inspection services, receive and compile complaints and provide for a one-stop application process

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no impact to the General Fund. There will be additional oversight from the Department of Health and Welfare but this legislation provides for the actual costs of administration to be passed to the providers. Fees to the providers are on a sliding scale based upon the number of children

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